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SUBJECT: ICAO ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL (AWOD)
MEETING, APRIL 4-21, 1978, RECOMMENDS U.S. TRSB MICROWAVE
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LANDING SYSTEM (MLS)

1. ON APRIL 19 THE U.S. WON A SIGNIFICANT AERONAUTICAL
VICTORY WHEN A LARGE MAJORITY OF STATES ATTENDING THE ICAO
AWOD MEETING VOTED IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZA-
TION OF THE NEW U.S. MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM, THE TIME
REFERENCE SCANNING BEAM (TRSB). THE VOTE TAKEN BY SECRET

BALLOT WAS 39 FOR TRSB, 24 FOR THE BRITISH-BACKED DOPPLER
MLS AND 8 ABSTENTIONS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FAA WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR
APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE PLAYED BY MANY FOREIGN SERVICE
POSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS IMPORTANT DECISION, WHICH IS
EXPECTED TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE ICAO AIR NAVIGATION
COMMISSION AND COUNCIL. LIKEWISE, THE POSTS MAY WISH TO
EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR
SUPPORTING THE U.S. SYSTEM WHERE THERE WAS A PRIOR
STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

3. THE ICAO MEMBER STATES ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE
ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BENIN, BRAZIL,

CANADA, CHILE, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, ECUADOR,
EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, FRG, GHANA, GREECE,
GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA,
IRAN, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, JAPAN,
KENYA, NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBERIA,
MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NEW
ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, POLAND, QATAR,
SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SURINAM,
SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, SYRIA, TANZANIA, THAILAND, TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, USSR, UAE, UK, US, UPPER
VOLTA, VENEZUELA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAIRE. COSTA RICA
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ARRIVED AT THE ICAO MEETING IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
VOTE BUT TURKEY DID NOT. CHRISTOPHER

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